

Ed McGivern

Lewistown Montana
Fast and Fancy Revolver
Shooting
World Record Holder

HB 411
EXHIBIT 5
DATE 02/14/2013
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Ed McGivern, Lewistown Mt.
With a pair of S & W Revolvers.



shooting done by Ed McGivern, with Smith & Wesson double action revolver, timed with electric timing machines, Sept. 13, 1932, at Army rifle range, artificial light.

one of the witnesses whose names are signed on these six targets.

K. F. Bullock, Captain of 163rd Infantry,
 Guido C. Vangelness,
 J. W. Wilcox
 Louis Borsenetti
 John Larson
 George Rabey
 John Callahan
 Joe Olson
 George Smith
 E. C. Edwards
 E. B. Megan
 Leonard Larson

15 FEET
 3/5 SEC.
 SMITH & WESSON 38 SP
 GUN NO. 640792
 BY ED MCGIVERN
 SEP. 13 1932

1 1/2 SEC.
 SHOT BY ED MCGIVERN
 SMITH & WESSON DA.
 38 SPECIAL
 GUN NO. 640792

AT ARMY
 SEP. 13, 1932
 LEWISTOWN MONT.
 ELECTRIC TIMER

15 FEET
 3/5 SEC.
 BY ED MCGIVERN
 LEWISTOWN MONT.
 ARMY 163 INF.

NOT TARGET
 PETERS CARTRIDGES

OUTLINE OF PLATING CARD
 SHOT ONE IN SIDE
 OF 2 TARGETS
 2 GROUPS OF
 SHOTS FROM
 SAME GUN

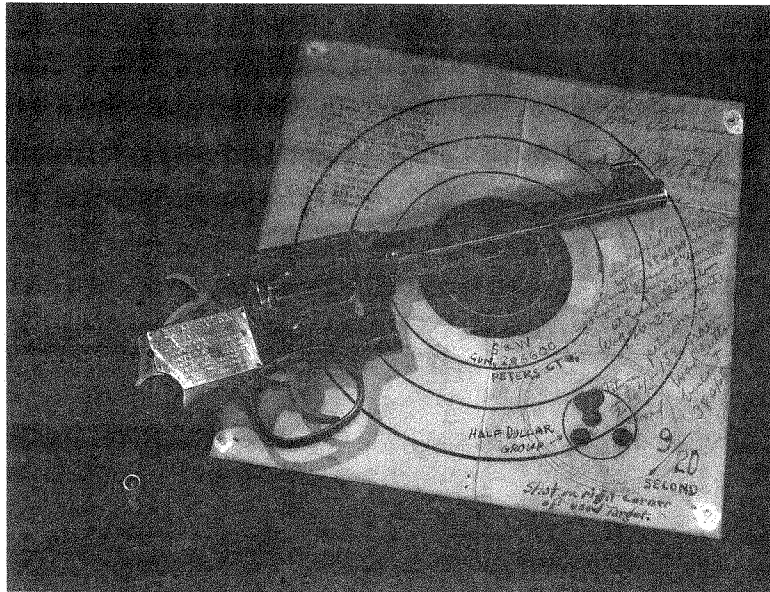
Lewisston, Mont. Sept. 14, 1932.

We, the undersigned officers of Company K, 163rd Infantry, were in charge of the program of shooting put on by Ed McOlivern at our new army headquarters, No. 525 Main street, on the evening of Sept. 13, 1932. We operated the electric timer attached ^{to} and connected up with, his revolvers, with which he did the shooting shown on the six targets, witnessed and signed by us, and others, on that occasion. The results so outlined, signed and witnessed, are genuine, and the time is correct. The shooting was done with standard Smith & Wesson double action target revolvers, No. 286600 of 38 caliber, and No. 640792 of 38 caliber, both having 6 inch barrels. The 45 caliber Smith & Wesson standard double action target revolver used was No. 23703. Standard factory ammunition of Peters ctg. Co. and Remington Arms Co., was used.

Three targets, No. 4-5-6, show 10 shots from the above two guns (five shots from each,) both guns fired at same time, by the double action method. (One gun with each hand) the time for three trials was 1-1/5 seconds each. The 5 shots from the 45 cal. revolver, grouped under outline of hand, was 4/5 of a second, on target No. 3. The distance for all targets shot was 15 feet.

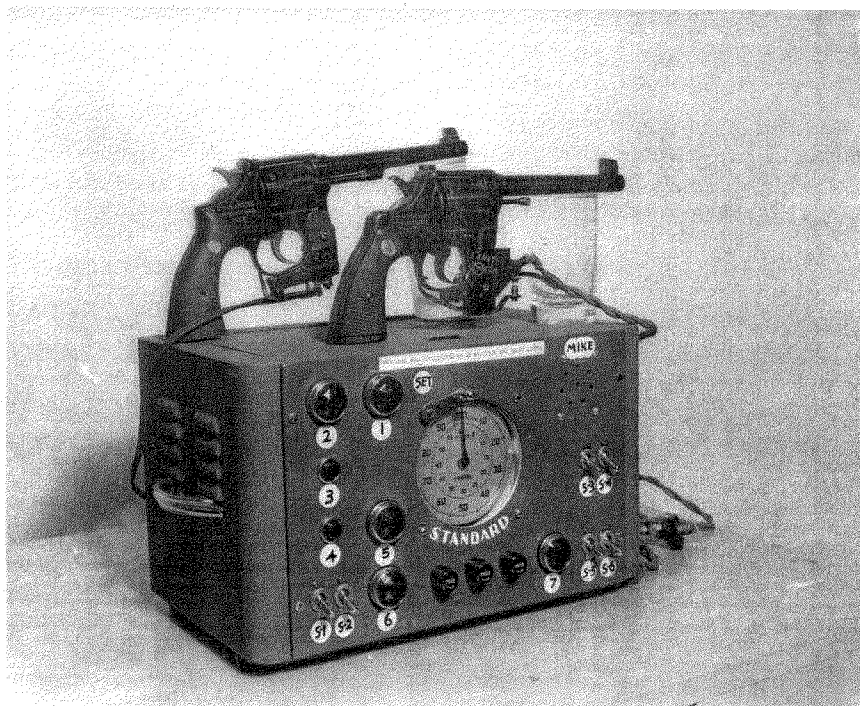
Two groups of five shots each, shot side by side on same target, with gun No. 640792, show time as 3/5 second, for first group, and 1/2 second for second group--each group being under outline of hand, on target No. 1. Target No. 2 shows 5 shots, under outline of hand, in 1/2 second. All targets are signed and numbered for identification. Details are printed in India ink on each target, gun numbers also.

Ed Ballou Sgt. 1st Regt. Artillery	Robertson
Howard Larson	Geo. C. Baum 1st Lt. Sgt. Bartel
Arthur McShue 1st	Walter Pangborn Corp. Corp. Galtby
C. W. Hardin Sgt.	Ed Ballou Sgt. 1st Regt. Artillery



One of the guns used to set the record.

Elaborate timing device was a product of McGivern's own ingenuity. Providing measurements in increments down to 1 / 20 second, its accuracy was verified by the U. S. Bureau of Standards.



Ed McGivern and his family were traveling with Wild West shows in the early 1900's and performing their shooting skills.



THE MCGIVERNS

Follow the Shots
Exhibition of Rifle and
Pistol Shooting.

E. J. McGivern with Rifle

1. Shooting object held on lady's head.
2. Shooting small objects held in lady's fingers.
3. Shooting, splitting paper edgewise with bullet.
4. Shooting, cutting 2 cards edgewise with one bullet.
5. Shooting two swinging balls as they cross.
6. Shooting 3 objects with one bullet, shooting through first object and splitting bullet on axe blade which makes it possible to hit the ones on each side of the axe.
7. Breaking six small objects, different position each shot.
8. Breaking glass ball with rifle while absolutely blindfolded.

MASTER BOB, Pistols

1. Shooting small object with pistol.
2. Shooting small object with pistol upside down.
3. Shooting swinging ball while standing on his head.
4. Shooting small object with mirror over shoulder.
5. Shooting small object with mirror between feet.
6. Shooting small object with mirror from hip.
7. A very hard shot, using double mirror; in this shot it is impossible to see gun or object only as shown in second mirror.

MADGE McGIVERN, Rifle

1. Shooting chalk from between fingers.
2. Shooting poker chips edgewise, held in fingers.
3. Shooting candle out.
4. Shooting glass ball with card over end of gun, making it impossible to see sights or object fired at.

MR. MCGIVERN, Pistols

Shooting 2 objects at once, one on each side of the stage.

1. Arms crossed—2 pistols.
2. Arms extended—2 pistols.
3. One over shoulder, one in front.
4. One stationary, one swinging.
5. Shooting two pistols at two objects while handcuffed.
6. A sure way to stop boys from smoking.
7. Hitting small objects tossed in the air with rifle.

Ammunition
Furnished by

HUGHES & MCCALED
NO. 20 MONTANA STREET

About the purchase of 6 Revolvers 2 K-22's and 4 K-38's for the Lewistown Police Shooting Team that Ed was training. These revolvers were the same as those referenced on the factory letter for the revolvers on the display.

2-15-26 M - Snowing & foggy } @ 22 L^r 100.18
4-38 M W.P. Jan R 6 " " } tax 13.31
146.49

Sewistown Mont. May 25-32
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1-K-22 Jan. Ul^t Gwin Sig 1. T

SMITH & WESSON
REC'D MAY 31
ANS'D
NAME

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Target

4 - 38 Spl M + P squarer butt target - Revolvers, McGivern, Sight
and 6 with barrels, McGivern, Sight
Kings the 6 guns for which the McGivern, Sight

724

OK

Classmate
R.K. Shrivastava

OK. I want two pair of Ivory Handles one for K2
and one for K1 for 38 m. P square butt target revolver. you
send me a bill for these or send them C.O.D. Just as
you wish would like them by middle of June at latest.

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

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The filing time as shown in the date line on full-rate telegrams and day letters, and the time of receipt at destination as shown on all messages, is STANDARD TIME.

Received at 180 Worthington Street, Springfield, Mass. ALWAYS OPEN

1932 MAY 17 PM 10 26

NA323 20 NM=LEWISTOWN MONT 17

D B WESSON, VICE PRES=

SMITH AND WESSON INC SPRINGFIELD MASS=

WANT EIGHT 38 SPECIAL TARGET REVOLVERS FOR POLICE CLASS

DOES MY SPECIAL PRICE COVER THIS PURCHASE BY ME WIRE=

ED MCGIVERN.

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NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END LETTER

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CHECK
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

May 18, 1932.

Ed. Mc Givern

Lewistown, Mont.

Glad to supply at your price

Here power to you

D. B. WESSON

PAID (Charge to Smith & Wesson)

Original letter from Douglas Wesson to Ed McGivern
The letter confirms the order and the shipment of the
6 revolvers for Ed's order.

June 1, 1932.

Mr. Ed McGivern,
Lewistown, Montana.

My dear Ed:-

I was very much pleased to get your letter of May 25th with large sums of money enclosed, and I hastened to get out the four .38 M. & P. and the two K-.22s, which I trust will arrive promptly and give perfect satisfaction.

I am also very glad to include another K-.22 for you. I only wish that I could see my way clear to tell you to forget about the bill, but business is business with us, and we are just another one of the numberless manufacturers who are counting each and every penny; I know that you can appreciate our position.

As I have told you, we don't regularly handle ivory stocks, and have to get them from the outside, so there will be a slight delay in furnishing the two pair, but they will be along with monograms as promptly as possible, and I feel sure that we can get them to you before, or by the middle of June.

I am glad the .38 M. & P. turned up all right, and I'll be very interested in hearing how it works out; I had put in a slightly stronger trigger spring, but as no one around here has a trigger finger like yours, what we thought was pretty fairly stiff didn't mean anything to you. By the way, I note that Elmer Keith in his latest article gives your wellknown trigger finger a very pretty compliment.

I believe that either a booklet or an additional chapter in our next edition of "Burning Powder" by Ed McGivern on ultra-fast and flying target shooting would be darned interesting, and when we get together, as we must do sometime not too far from now, we can go into it.

Very cordially yours,

D. B. Wesson,
Vice President,
SMITH & WESSON Inc.

DBW/MC

Original Invoice from S&W shows shipment of the 6 revolvers shipped on June 2, 1932. The second invoice is for a K-22 that Ed ordered with the 6 revolvers on his original letter to Douglas Wesson.

Customer's Date 5-25-32

Date 5-31-32

Order 249

Via

Mr. Ed. McGivern
Louisiana,
Montana

2
4
8

K-22 Target with McGivern sights
38 S & P B 5" Sq. Target with McGivern sights

Target and targets enclosed

Paid \$146.46

PAID JUN 2 - 1932

Customer's Date 5-25-32

Date 5-31-32

Order 250

Via

Mr. Ed. McGivern
Louisiana,
Montana

1

K-22 Target with McGivern sights

Target & target enclosed

PAID JUN 2 - 1932

**Original Credit Memorandum from Smith & Wesson for
the extra K-22 Ed ordered in May, that was shipped
June 2, 1932.**



CREDIT MEMORANDUM

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. September 29, 1932.

SMITH & WESSON, INC.

TO Mr. Ed McGivern
Lewistown,
Montana.

MANUFACTURERS OF SUPERIOR REVOLVERS

We CREDIT your account as follows:

1	K-22 Target Revolver B 6" with "McGivern" Sights	22.19
	EXCISE TAX 10¢	2.22
		<u>\$24.41</u> ✓

Original Sale June 2, 1932.

DO NOT SEND OUT OF OFFICE

Ed McGivern Lewistown Montana

Below is a article from the Lewistown paper June 20, 1932 about Ed McGivern on "Forensic Ballistics". He had been called as an expert in several cases. This is another side of Ed McGivern that is not known by many people.

This Article was found in the records of the Smith & Wesson Historical Foundation.

Lewistown, Montana, Monday, June 20, 1932

McGivern Speaks On Forensic Ballistics At Rotary Meeting

Lewistown Rotarians at their weekly luncheon meeting Monday heard an interesting discussion by Ed McGivern who spoke on the topic "Forensic Ballistics". Mr. McGivern who is a widely recognized expert on firearms told of the methods of investigation into this field that were invaluable and important in many legal cases, especially those involving major crimes. McGivern described the variations in markings on a bullet fired from a gun, caused by markings in the riflings and also the mark of the firing pin, so that a bullet or shell could be positively identified with relation to the gun from which it was fired. McGivern, who has been instructing the Lewistown police in pistol shooting, said the local force was unexcelled in marksmanship.

McGivern has been called as an expert in several important legal actions and drew upon his actual experience for much of his material. He discussed the speed, direction and markings on bullets in a very interesting fashion. To hear his talk members of the legal profession in Lewistown were guests of the club.